

Knew feel soter weak" Great
jimmy! I felt so quar when
she took hold. I tried to say
something nice, but my dot-
ted mouth wouldnt go off
no how. But I felt as strong as
an Elephant, and helped Kate
along. Bimely Kate said, "Ben
that Joe Sharp's a good for
nuthin', sneakin', cowardly,
nobody; and if he ever puts his
head inside our house again, I'll
baptize him with dish water shore."
I tried to say somethin' agin,
but Cuss the luck. I couldnt
say nothin' but Squeeze Kate's
hand and pike like a cranky
bellus.

He'd got clear out of sight
of the others, and Kate says,
"Ben I feel that you're my par-
ticular, an' I believe daddy's
right when he says you're worth
all the rest o' the boys in the
neighborhood." "Ben Purtle".
Says I this is a great day
for you, and I made a tre-
mendous effort to git my mouth

off agin', and out it popped shore
enough. "Kate", says I tremblin'
all over, "I love you to distraction,
an' no mistake. I've loved you
long and hard. My heart has
been a most broke for two
years; an' now I want you to
say right straight up and down
whether you are going to have me
or not?" (Concluded next week.)

Congress

Washington Dec 23.

Senate - The Standing Com-
mittees were elected - There
are no important changes.

The message was read
House - The Reconstruction
Committee was directed to
inquire into the expediency of
dividing Texas.

Mr. Eldridge objected, saying
that one Texas under a dis-
potism was enough -

A bill amending the reconstruction acts
so as to require only a majority of the votes
cast to call a Convention, was refused to
the judiciary Committee.